Nursery at Linnaean Hill
near Washington D.C. Dec.r 12.
1826

Mr. William Prince

Sir

I have put
and shiped by the Prompt to care of
L. & J. Sword's a box containing 16 qts of
clean gum seed all that I could procure
16 qts. of thorn seed clean and one peck
of persimmon seed in sand with part
of the large thorn seed of which you ordered
2 qts. but in my hurry to attend to other things
I neglected to attend to them in time and
they were all destroyed by Rats as the Ne
-groes said they could not be got in fact
I find it difficult to obtain any thing of
the kind unless I do it myself I know of noth
-ing that I could procure for you now at this
late season except Holly seed and Dog wood
both of which I presume you have plenty of
I will send you the Flora Columbiencis
by which you will be able to see what plants
we have here and select such as you want
and I will endevour procure them for you
with plants or seed I have it in view to
order on some thing like 100 dollars worth of
them and shall not defer it till spring
that the Jersey men may not come too soon
for me

my long talked of green house has at last commenced that is the quarrying and hauling of the stone digging out foundation &c when it will be finished I know not it is to be 72 ft. long so that you may see I am bent on trying to do something in this line. if you come to Washington this winter call on me by all means

to your enquiry about the Public ground in Washington. a gradual progress is making in the planting of them principly from the forest here some fine &c from the state of Maine but little or nothing from Surry any where I have had some seeds or des but nothing that could be got in the woods

you can have plants of the Yellow Cypripedium at 25 cts or 20 by the hundred you pile at double the other not as I would love to go up my self for them some 15 or 20 miles as to trillium plants I don't know them by that name but should like common as the other I will send them at 20 and 25 ---- - - -

Yours &c

Joshua Peirce